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E.O. 12065: GDS 2/1/86 (BUCHE, JOHN) OR-0  
TAGS: PK, SREF, SHUM, AF  
SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO AFGHAN REFUGEES

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REFERENCES: (A) GENEVA 1165, (B) GENEVA 1435

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2. MISSION OFFICER SPOKE WITH/

HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TWO-WEEK VISIT TO  
PAKISTAN.

3. I SAID THERE ARE 438,000 REGISTERED REFUGEES IN  
PAKISTAN. GGP ESTIMATE OF 500,000 INCLUDED THOSE NOT YET  
REGISTERED. I EXPLAINED IT SOMETIMES TAKES UP TO  
TWO WEEKS BEFORE REFUGEES REGISTER BECAUSE OF TRAVEL TIME  
FROM BORDER TO CAMPS AND BECAUSE REGISTRATION DONE MANUALLY.  
EVENTUALLY ALL REFUGEES REGISTER BECAUSE GGP WILL NOT  
PROVIDE FOOD TO THOSE UNREGISTERED. ESTIMATES  
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ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF REFUGEES IN NW P AND REMAINDER IN

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PROBLEM AND PRIMARY CONCERN OF ICRC AND REMARKED ON LONG DELAYS IN REGISTRATION.

7. [ ] IN MEETING WITH SAME USG REPS. JANUARY 30, ALSO NOTED DELAY IN REGISTRATION OF REFUGEES ("3-4 WEEKS") BUT SAID GOP WAS DOING GOOD JOB AND CATCHING UP ON BACKLOG. THEY SAID LATEST REPORTS FROM ISLAMABAD INDICATED [ ] WAS "BESIEGED" BY APPLICANTS FOR RESETTLEMENT (AS OPPOSED TO RECENT CASELOAD OF ABOUT 15 PER DAY). THEY SAID FEW APPLICANTS HAD CLOSE TIES IN U.S., ALTHOUGH MOST WANTED TO GO THERE. [ ] FELT THEY SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED AND THAT NO RESETTLEMENT SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED UNTIL MAGNITUDE OF CASELOAD WAS KNOWN. IN ANY EVENT, THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT WAS NOT SOLUTION FOR BULK OF REFUGEES NOR DID [ ] WISH TO GET INVOLVED IN UNRWA-TYPE ASSISTANCE EFFORT ALONG BORDERS. RATHER, PROPER COURSE WAS SELF-HELP EFFORT AWAY FROM BORDERS UNTIL RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN POSSIBLE.

8. [ ] NOTED THAT PRINCIPLE OF NO SETTLEMENT ON BORDERS HAD BEEN WRITTEN INTO ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES BUT WAS DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE. NOTING PROBLEMS THAT WOULD ARISE CONCERNING LAND TENURE, WATER

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RIGHTS, ETC., AND WHAT TO DO IN SUMMER WHEN BALUCHIS  
NORMALLY GO TO HIGHLAND AREAS IN AFGHANISTAN. J

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9. REFERRING TO POSSIBLE USE OF USG-OWNED NON-CONVERTIBLE  
RUPEES FOR LOCAL PROCUREMENT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES (WHICH  
AMBASSADOR LOY HAD RAISED IN TALKS WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER  
HARTLING ON JANUARY 28)C

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IN DETERMINING  
MAGNITUDE OF AFGHAN REFUGEE PROBLEM AND IN REASSURING  
REPS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS THAT L CAN DO THE JOB AND  
COORDINATE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE EFFORT.  
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